(c) Lok Adalats are organised on a regular basis in Rajasthan but no periodicity is fixed for organising Lok Adalat again at a place where it may have been organised earlier.

Recruitment in Military

299. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths recruited in the military from Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to recruit maximum number of youths in the military keeping in view the present unemployment situation in the country, and if so, by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) It will not be in the public interest to disclose this information.

(b) Recruitment of eligible youth from all parts of the country is made according to requirement from time to time and not on the basis of unemployment situation.

Implementation of twenty point programme in Rajasthan

300. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress made by Rajasthan Government in the implementation of Twenty Point Programme during the last three years, has been evaluated; and

(b) if so ,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) The progress made by the Government of Rajasthan in the implementation of certain important items of the 20-Point Programme during the last three years has been assessed on a monthly basis by this Ministry.

(b) On the basis of ranking of performance, Rajasthan's position among States for the last three years was:

1984-85	—	9
1985-86	—	1
1986-87	—	8

Purchase of AWACS from the Soviet Union

301. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire AWACS (Air borne warning and control system) aircraft from the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The need to equip the Indian Air Force with aircraft that could provide early warning has been under consideration of the Government. It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Setting up of nuclear power units

302. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

set up some nuclear power units of varying capacity in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government have approved setting up of two nuclear powers stations of 2x235 MWe each at Kaiga and Rawatbhatta. Work has already commenced on these two projects. It is also proposed to start work on 4 more units of 235 MWe and 6 units of 500 MWe during the Seventh Plan.

Short fall in investment in public and private sectors

303. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the possibility of a shortfall in the sphere of investment, both public and private sectors in the last 2 years of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken by Government to ensure the growth rate projected in the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The likely level of investment in the five year period of the Seventh Plan is being assessed in the context of the mid-term appraisal of the Plan. Agricultural performance will be the critical factor in realising the growth target. Hence special efforts to expedite irrigation projects, vigorous implementation of special programmes to increase productivity in rice production in eastern region and in oilseeds production, measure to ensure the required growth in fertiliser consumption, production and distribution of seeds, and generation of electricity through better performance are being taken. The policy thrust in remaining years of the plan will be to raise the agricultural production so that overall grawth of 5 per cent is achieved with corresponding balance in sectoral structure.

Regional passport office at Ahmedabad

304. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Regional Passport Office at Ahmedabad has inadequate staff causing delay in the issuance of passports;

(b) what is the sanctioned strength of the staff, the actual strength at present and whether the vacancies are likely to be filled up;

(c) what is the number of applications for fresh passports that are pending clearance for more than three months and what is their percentage to total number of applications; and

(d) whether inadequate office accommodation is one of the reasons for inefficiency, causing delay and harassment to the people and if so, whether Government propose to shift Regional Passport Office at a better place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Most delays are on account of delayed police verification reports from State police authorities, and some due to incomplete information furnished in the application forms.

(b) The present sanctioned strength vis-a-vis actual strength of officers and